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Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
January 19, 1978

The regular meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held Thursday, January 19, 1978 at 4:00 p.m. at the Athens Library. Present were: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Reines, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Eberhardt, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Miss Hawkins (Clarke County), Mrs. Ivy (Oconee County), Mrs. Whitehead (Madison County).

Mr. Kellam called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. L. W. Eberhardt, Jr., a new member of the Clarke County Board.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

Reports from the counties followed. Mrs. Whitehead reported continued activity in the Madison County Library, with lack of shelf space their major problem.

Mrs. Ivy reported for Oconee County and announced plans for an Open House at the Bogart Library on Sunday, March 12 from 3-5 p.m. to invite people to see the newly renovated library quarters. She invited each board member to attend. The new maps of Oconee County are selling well, and the Ivy Collection (genealogy) continues to grow in both size and use.

Miss Austin reported for Franklin County, who had no one present, telling the Board that contracts have been let and work is under way on the renovation and remodelling of the Lavonia-Carnegie Library.

One of the most successful programs in the Athens Library during the last quarter was the genealogy workshop led by Dr. Jessie Mize during the month of November. The 79 participants came from each of the five counties in our region plus Jackson, Coweta, DeKalb, and Walton Counties. Its stimulating effect can still be seen in the increased use of genealogy collections in both Watkinsville and Athens and in the number of interlibrary loan requests we make for material for the participants. In January the Sunday hours were extended by one additional hour, making the library open from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kellam asked Miss Austin to present a communication from the Georgia Council of Public Libraries concerning visits to the state legislature. She reported that our region has been asked to send representatives during the week of February 20-24. There was some discussion and it was agreed that either Wednesday or Thursday, the 22nd or 23rd would be the best time. Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mrs. Ivy, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mr. Patterson expressed interest in attending. Miss Austin was directed to complete the schedule with the Council and notify those willing to go.

On the motion of Mr. Patterson, the Board approved out-of-state travel for Miss Austin to attend the A.L.A. Legislative Day activities in Washington, D.C. in April.

Miss Austin gave a brief summary of the public library matters the General Assembly will be considering. These include increases in the state book fund and the M & O money plus additional money for the Talking Book Centers. Another bill extends the proposed state teachers health insurance program to public library employees. The Board went on record as favoring such coverage in principle but could not commit themselves until more information is available on the actual plan adopted by the State Department of Education and its cost to the Library.

There was some discussion of the increased minimum wage of \$2.65 per hour required as of January 1, 1978. Miss Austin asked that each county representative be considering the added financing this will require in the FY 1979 budget as well as whether local finances can be increased to take care of this. She reported that Franklin County has begun working on this and can meet it, but some of the other counties may require a bit more time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxanna Austin", written over a horizontal line.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary to the Board

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The Clarke County Library Board was called into session by Mr. Kellam, Chairman, immediately following the adjournment of the Regional Library Board meeting at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 1978. Present were: Mrs. Cabaniss, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Reines.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

There was a general discussion of the problems of parking space with several ideas advanced as to the wisdom of moving now to secure the city property and old street behind the library fence, and of exploring with the county and city the possibility of developing a joint parking area, perhaps on the present Thriftown property, if and when it becomes available. The consensus is that the need for parking and expansion space should be brought to the attention of both governments and that they should be kept reminded of it.

Mr. Kellam announced that a new groundskeeper, Andrew Marczak, has been employed. He is a student at the University of Georgia in the School of Forestry and expects to remain in school two or three more years.

Mr. Kellam asked for a report on the lease on the present quarters of the Talking Books Center. Miss Austin reported that she had spoken with Mr. Ivy and he has other plans for the entire building and will not consider negotiating a new lease. It will be necessary to locate acceptable quarters and move the Talking Books Center into them by November 1, 1978, or earlier if a place can be located and Mr. Ivy is agreeable to ending the lease earlier. She requested that a committee be appointed to work with her on this matter. Mr. Kellam referred the committee to the incoming chairman, and there was some discussion of possible sites which can be investigated.

Miss Austin presented the matter of the increase in the minimum wage as of January 1, 1978. It is her understanding that public libraries have been judged to be exempt from compulsory compliance, but she recommended that the library move to this minimum since it has been our policy for several years and we will not be in a competitive position to secure employees unless we do.

She presented three options for the Board's consideration:

- 1) Raise only those not already making \$2.65 per hour to that figure effective January 1, 1978.
- 2) Delay all raises and adjustments to July 1, 1978, to become effective in the fiscal year 1978-1979.
- 3) Using funds from our reserves, implement the \$2.65 per hour minimum wage and adjust upward salaries of employees with greater responsibilities and experience, to become effective in January 1978 or April 1978.

There followed a general discussion in which the consensus seemed to be that major adjustments for the whole staff should wait until additional funds could be requested for the next fiscal year. Mr. Patterson moved the adoption of the minimum wage of \$2.65 be implemented for all those library employees not presently paid that amount and that a pay scale be developed to differentiate among the employees with greater responsibilities and experience for adoption and implementation in fiscal 1979. *Passed.*

Miss Austin recommended that the Board adopt the policy on library fines and overdue charges which had been in effect on a trial basis in 1977. It calls for a maximum charge of \$1.00 per item for less than five items returned at the same time; a maximum charge of \$5.00 for more than five items returned at the same time. *Accepted by common consent.*

Mrs. Mendenhall presented the report of the Nominating Committee in the absence of Mr. Cofer, who had to leave. Upon her motion, the following officers were elected for the 1978-1979 biennium: Archie E. Patterson, Chairman; Farris Johnson, Vice-Chairman; Troutman Wilson, Treasurer; Roxanna Austin, Secretary.

There being no further business, Mr. Kellam thanked the Board for their cooperation during his term as Chairman and turned the meeting over to Mr. Patterson, the new Chairman. Mr. Patterson then adjourned the meeting at 6:15.

Roxanna Austin

Roxanna Austin, Secretary to the Board

Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
April 27, 1978

The Athens Regional Library Board held its regular quarterly meeting April 27, 1978 at 4:30 p.m. at the Athens Regional Library. Present were: Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mr. Johnson, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Newland, Mr. Milner, Mr. Patterson, Dr. Reines and Mrs. Calloway from Oglethorpe County.

Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:40. He announced that he had received messages from Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Ivy that they would not be able to attend as planned to represent their counties.

Mrs. Calloway reported for Oglethorpe County. Their Board has recently been reorganized and the most pressing problem is the building housing the Library. The owner and the County Commission are working to stop the leaks and to provide pest control service.

The Director presented a report calling attention to budget requests in the different counties. She reported the minimum wage has been met in all branches as of January 1 and expressed special thanks to local Board members who were successful in making unusual efforts to secure additional funds in the middle of a budget period.

Progress continues in the remodeling and enlargement of the Lavonia-Carnegie Library. Miss Austin and Mrs. Kemppinen are meeting regularly with the building committee to keep up with developments.

The Dial-A-Story program has succeeded beyond our wildest expectations. After one month's use problems have developed with some of the tapes and service has been discontinued until replacement tapes are supplied by the manufacturer. These are expected within one week. Work has begun in purchasing additional audio-visual equipment and materials for children from the federal funds for fiscal 1978, now that Mr. Thaxton has advised us that the money will be distributed in May.

Miss Austin reported that she did not attend the ALA Legislative Day in Washington because it conflicted with programs for the National Library Week observance in the region. She announced that all forms for renewal of state aid applications and annual reports were distributed to the Regional Library Directors at their meeting in Macon April 20th along with notification of allotments for State grants for fiscal 1979.

The Talking Books Center continues to expand its services. It will move out of its present quarters as soon as the remodeling needed in the new space is completed. The Lumpkin Street space is close by and a five year lease is available.

Plans have been made to adjust bookmobile routes to provide a more frequent service schedule in Madison, Oglethorpe, Oconee

and Clarke counties. Some of the Madison County routes will be transferred to the small bookmobile and Mrs. Kemppinen will work an additional week on it. This provides for those areas to have bookmobile service on a four week schedule instead of a seven week schedule.

The Director recommended that the Library employ a full-time driver-clerk for this bookmobile who would be assigned some duties in the Library when not needed for driving. This would also provide a back-up driver in case of absence of the first driver. Mr. Milner moved the approval of the employment of this person if it is included in the proposed budget. The motion carried.

Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss reported on the visit to the Legislature in February. She, Mr. Patterson and Miss Austin attended the briefing session conducted by Emily Anthony, Chairman of the Georgia Council of Public Libraries. The status of legislation affecting public libraries was discussed and bills needing support were identified as well as one bill which librarians and Library Boards opposed. Mrs. Cabaniss reported an interesting visit with each member of the Clarke County delegation in the House as well as with Senator Paul Broun. All of them seemed genuinely interested in library legislation and appreciated our expressions of concern. She felt it was worthwhile and hoped more members could go next time. Mr. Kellam moved that the Board send a letter to the Clarke County delegation and Senator Broun thanking the legislators for their support of public libraries during the session. The motion passed.

Miss Austin summarized the state legislation affecting public libraries for fiscal 1979 as follows: increase in book fund (5¢ per capita), increase in maintenance and operation grant, a new formula for funding the Talking Book Center, and the inclusion of public library employees in the State health Insurance plan when funded. The language of the certification law was clarified to reflect changes in the title of the state library agency director.

Mr. Patterson presented a letter from the Georgia Library Association urging libraries to become supporting or sustaining members. Mr. Kellam moved that the library become a supporting member of the association at \$25 per year. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
Athens Regional Library Board
March 28, 1978

All members except Mr. Wilson were present.

Mr. Eberhardt was present to report on search for new space for the Talking Books Center. He reported that space is available in the Seay Building on Lumpkin Street. Miss Austin and Mrs. Salas have investigated it and feel it is adequate and can be adapted to our use. He recommended that the Board move to lease this property for the Talking Books Center.

Since Mr. Wilson was not present, Mr. Patterson invited Mr. Eberhardt to remain for the rest of the meeting as a member of the finance committee.

Miss Austin presented a proposed salary schedule. After discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that the Board recommend the clerical part of the schedule for approval by the Clarke County Board and ask the director to continue to work on the professional section. The motion passed.

The Director then presented the proposed FY 1979 budget request for Clarke County, including a proposed Regional budget. This was approved to be submitted to the County Commission by April 1. The Director will continue to work with the local boards of the other counties on the amounts they pay into the regional board.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary.

Minutes
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April 27, 1978

The Clarke County Library Board met at 3:30 on Thursday, April 27, 1978 at the Athens Regional Library. Present were: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Kellam, Dr. Reines, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Newland and Miss Hawkins.

Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order prior to the Regional meeting since only one person from the other counties was present. He presented Mrs. Sara McGee and Mrs. Laura Ludwig who spoke briefly describing their work in the library. Mrs. McGee is responsible for Interlibrary Loan work and coordinates the film service along with general reference work. Mrs. Ludwig is a general reference librarian who is responsible for film programs at Lanier Gardens and has recently begun revision and updating of the local history files.

The minutes had been distributed previously. They recorded that two motions were made but not that they passed. Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes be corrected to show that Mr. Patterson's motion concerning minimum wage was passed and that the fine policy was approved by common consent. The motion passed and the corrections will be shown in the official minutes.

Mr. Patterson called for reports from the various standing committees. Dr. Reines reported for the Grounds Committee that the rails on the porch have been painted and he recommended that the fountain pools be painted. Mr. Marczak will be completing his work at the University early and Dr. Reines has another student to recommend for the position of groundskeeper. He will have him call the Director for an appointment.

There were no reports from the other committees.

Under old business Mr. Patterson asked Miss Austin to present the salary schedule for the non-professional employees. She distributed copies and explained that it is based on the schedule which the County will be using as of July 1. After some discussion Mr. Milner moved the approval of the non-professional schedule effective July 1. The motion carried. Mrs. Mendenhall offered a motion that the Board express its appreciation to the loyal and capable library staff for all of their work. This passed by common consent.

Mr. Patterson called for a report from the Executive Committee which was presented by Mr. Kellam. There were two recommendations. The first concerned the report of the special committee chaired by Mr. Eberhardt to locate suitable quarters for the Talking Books Center. The Committee recommended that the Library Board sign a

five year lease with the Upchurch Realty Company on the suite of offices at 435 N. Lumpkin Street at \$460 per month to include rent, electricity and janitor service and four parking spaces. Mr. Milner moved the acceptance of this recommendation. Discussion brought out the possibility suggested by Mr. Upchurch of adjusting the rent if the cleaning service provided does not prove satisfactory. The move will take place around the first of July. The motion carried.

The second recommendation was that the proposed budget accompanying the requests submitted to each contributing agency be approved. The Director distributed copies of the budget. After discussion on motion of Mr. Kellam the budget request was accepted. Mr. Patterson excused the Director from the meeting. Upon her return Mr. Patterson reported that the Board was instructing her to set the Director's salary at \$22,500, and to adjust the salary item in the budget accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
July 20, 1978

The Athens Regional Library Board met Thursday, July 8, 1978 at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Athens library with the following present: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Dr. Reines, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Neighbors, and Mrs. Newland from Clarke County; Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Whitehead from Madison County; and Mrs. Ridgeway from Oglethorpe County.

After welcoming members, Mr. Patterson called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the April meeting which had been distributed by mail. Hearing none, the minutes were declared approved. Members of the Board expressed their pleasure at having the minutes mailed prior to the meeting.

Mr. Patterson introduced Dr. James Rice of the University of Georgia School of Forest Resources, who wished to make a presentation and proposal to the Board. Dr. Rice identified himself as a representative of a local group of Christian men known as the One Bread Fellowship, an ecumenical group dedicated to improving the quality of their own Christian lives and to spreading the Gospel through many activities as well as studying and meeting together to share their beliefs and experiences. This group has collected among the members a number of cassette tapes on various topics which are useful in promoting Christian growth. Some of these have been purchased commercially, and some were produced locally. They feel the tapes would be used by the general public if they were made readily available. The group proposes to place in the library a collection of approximately 100 cassette tapes. For these, they would provide a rack to house them, periodically repair or replace damaged tapes, and reserve the right to remove and replace tapes from time to time, always retaining control of what goes into the collection. They ask that the tapes be kept as a separate special collection to which nothing else is added, that the library circulate them as any other materials, and that it make them noticeably available for use.

Board members raised several questions concerning sources from which the tapes will be collected, and whether the acceptance of this gift under the proposed conditions would open the door to having to accept other perhaps less desirable gifts from any would-be donor. After Dr. Rice was excused, there was discussion. Mr. Kellam moved that the library accept the collection as a gift to be handled as other gifts as outlined in the library's materials selection policy, not to be made a separate special collection, but to be cataloged, shelved, etc. with other such material the library acquires. With more discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The secretary was directed to draft a letter advising Dr. Rice of this action.

Mrs. Langford reported for the Madison County Library that the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education have approved the

small increase requested in their contributions to the regional library budget.

Mrs. Jane Ridgeway reported for the Oglethorpe County Library that they are working on plans for more adequate library space which they perceive as their most pressing need. She also reported that several gifts have been received in memory of Miss Frances Durham, long time library board member. The local board is working with the librarian and the library consultant on plans for a fitting use of the money.

Because representatives from Oconee and Franklin Counties found it necessary to cancel plans to attend at the last minute there were no reports from those counties. Miss Austin reported continued progress on the renovation of the Lavonia library and active programs for the summer in each of the three Franklin County libraries as well as a busy bookmobile program. She also reported on progress at the Oconee County Libraries and the recent local library board meeting in Watkinsville. She noted that the supporting agencies for Oconee County had responded well to the request for a 50% increase in their appropriations and had met it except for \$500.

The Director's report called attention to the reporting of newsworthy items in the monthly report mailed to each member. Following up on the April information about the budget requests she noted that they have been met in most cases and were reflected in the budget placed before each member. She reported that the adjusted bookmobile routes have worked well for the summer and plans are now being made for the school term adjustments on the more frequent schedule. Other items noted were the plans for moving the Talking Books Center to the North Lumpkin Street quarters later in the month; the extra personnel made available under the federal Senior Citizens, CETA, and NYC programs in Franklin and Oconee Counties, and plans for follow-up meetings in each Congressional District to develop additional input for the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Service in 1979. Two districts have already completed plans, and we expect to hear from Mr. Rowland concerning plans for the 10th district meeting very soon. She also reported on the priorities assigned by the Georgia Council of Public Libraries members to items Mr. Thaxton will request in the budget for 1979-1980. These were: (1) Continued appropriations for Maintenance and Operation, (2) Improvements in the formula for allotting state salaries for professional librarians in regions, (3) Increased funds for materials, (4) Appropriations for construction grants, (5) funding for public library employees to participate in the state health insurance plan, and (6) grants for the purchase of vehicles for library use.

Mr. Patterson called on Miss Austin to present the final 1978-1979 budget, copies of which were before each member. She called attention to the increases in appropriations, adjusting the figures which had to be lowered, (\$500 from Oconee County Board of Education and \$25 from the City of Watkinsville) which still resulted in quite a substantial increase from Oconee County. Attention was called to

the proposed budget for the anticipated federal funds of \$27,940.00. These have not yet been appropriated by Congress, but Mr. Thaxton had asked that the state aid application include plans for using the same amount as that for 1978. The proposal is to use the money to improve the regional collection of 16mm motion pictures, to replace worn out recordings and enlarge that collection, to add to the collection of filmstrips, add certain equipment and provide a part salary for acquiring and processing this material. The enlarged AV collection will be available for region wide use.

Mr. Weir moved the approval of the budget as presented. The motion passed.

On motion of Dr. Reines out-of-state travel was approved for three staff members to attend the joint conference of the Southeastern and Southwestern Library Associations in New Orleans October 4-7, 1978.

By common consent the secretary was authorized to send a note expressing sympathy in the death of Miss Frances Durham to her brother, Dr. Durham.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Roxanna Austin", is written over a horizontal line.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary

Minutes
Clarke County Library Board
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The Clarke County Library Board was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the Regional Library Board at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 1978 at the Athens Regional Library. Present were Mr. Patterson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Dr. Reines, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Neighbors, and Mrs. Newland.

Mr. Patterson asked for additions or corrections of the minutes of the April meeting as distributed earlier. There being none, Mr. Kellam moved that the minutes be approved as distributed.

There was no old business.

Dr. Reines asked Miss Austin to present a matter she had brought to the Building and Grounds Committee. The ring on one of the fountains is broken and she was authorized to have it repaired. She explained that the fountain pools have not yet been painted because of a mix-up. By common consent she was authorized to proceed with the painting, working around the ceramic pieces on the spillway.

As a matter of information Miss Austin advised the Board that there are large moths in the adult reading room and she will know by Friday whether or not Boland Bonded, our pest control service, advises closing for a complete fogging of the building to destroy them. Again by common consent the Board agreed that such measures should be taken if needed.

Miss Austin then presented a letter from the Hartford Insurance Company, our Workmen's Compensation insurance carrier, advising us of the law requiring the library to post the names of three doctors to be consulted in case of injury. She asked the Board's advice as to who should be listed. After discussion, Mr. Weir moved that we use the same people as Clarke County. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
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October 19, 1978

The Athens Regional Library Board met in the library auditorium in Athens on Thursday, October 19, 1978 at 3:30 p.m. with the chairman, Archie Patterson, presiding. Present were: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cofer, *Miss Austin* Mr. Kellam, Mr. Milner, Mr. Weir, Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Reines, *Mr. Cofer* Mrs. W.H. Cabaniss, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, and Mrs. Mendenhall from Clarke County; Mrs. Louise Cabaniss and Mrs. Callaway from Oglethorpe County; Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Langford from Madison County; Mrs. Vandiver and Mrs. Brown from Franklin County.

On motion of Mr. Kellam the minutes of the July meeting were approved as distributed.

Mrs. Brown reported for Franklin County that participation in the summer reading club was good throughout the county. She announced that they are working on an application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for funds for the construction of a library building in Royston. Mrs. Vandiver reported that the Lavonia remodelling project is almost completed. A strike is holding up delivery of the lighting fixtures, which is delaying carpet installation and other finishing-up tasks, but they hope to be back in the building soon.

Mrs. Langford reported for Madison County that the Board of Education has returned several cartons of books which had been stored. Mrs. Echols' daughter has been checking these and doing some typing and other tasks to get them ready for use again.

Oconee County was not represented. Miss Austin announced that Mrs. Ivy had planned to report but her plans changed because of the death of Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Sr. last week. There was unanimous consent to a motion offered by at least two persons that the library board send a letter to the family expressing sympathy in their loss and our appreciation of all that Mrs. Ivy has done for the library in her lifetime.

Mrs. Callaway reported for Oglethorpe County that their local board is still exploring the possibility of securing new quarters. A fund has been established in memory of Miss Frances Durham. A decision will be made soon on its use. She also announced that Mrs. L.V. Chafin has resigned from the Board because of ill health. Her replacement has not yet been named.

Miss Austin reported for Clarke County, announcing new personnel assignments and appointments; Mrs. Laura Ludwig succeeds Mrs. Eugenia Stephens, deceased, as cataloger, and the position has been made full-time. Mrs. Dana Myers has been appointed reference and general services librarian to succeed Mrs. Ludwig. Mrs. Alfreda Willis Blackwell has been appointed full-time clerk-typist replacing Mrs. Yvonne Saucier who has returned to part-time status. Mrs. Mary Anne Driver, children's librarian, has resigned effective December 1, 1978 to accompany her husband to the University of Oklahoma. Efforts continue to secure a replacement for her.

She also announced the receipt of gifts from the University of Georgia Press, the Tuesday Bridge Club, the Athens Regional Library staff, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Odom in memory of Mrs. Eugenia Stephens.

The Summer Reading Club party was held at Bishop Park again this year with over 300 children in attendance.

On regional matters, the Director reported Open House was held at the Talking Book Center October 9-13. The radio and local newspapers gave excellent coverage, and several people came by to see this service in its new quarters.

She also reported that the application for state aid had been approved and the book fund check has been received along with the first quarter payment of the other funds. The application for the Federal funds has been approved but the state has not yet received its money. It should be available for distribution by the first of the year.

Miss Austin reported several meetings with the Lavonia Library Board to work on problems related to the remodelling. She announced the gift of a new circulation desk from Mr. Ernest Vandiver and Mrs. Berthine Whitehead in memory of their mother. Also, notice of intent to apply for funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission has been filed on behalf of the Royston local library board.

Two items of general interest from the quarterly meeting of Regional Library Directors were reported. First, the FY 1980 budget request from the Department of Education includes a change in the formula for allotting state paid public librarians. If approved, the Athens Regional Library will qualify for one additional base state salary for a professional librarian. Second, there was a very helpful explanation of the State Employees Health Insurance plan which is now open to employees of public libraries. The coverage it affords is excellent. It is available only to persons working 20 hours per week or more, and the cost to the employing board is 3.25% of the total payroll annually. Because the regional library system has only 20 employees who are eligible to participate and the cost would be slightly more than \$4000.00, Miss Austin recommended that the Board delay joining the program. By common consent the recommendation was accepted.

There was a discussion concerning the rising cost of books during which it was brought out that although our state book fund has been increased recently, the total number of books and magazines purchased per year remains the same or slightly less.

Under old business, Mr. Patterson called for a report on the proposed gift of religious tape cassettes by the One Bread Fellowship. Miss Austin reported that the group had accepted the suggestions of the Board concerning ownership of the tapes, and that Dr. Rice withdrew his objection to having the material interfiled with other cassettes. The tapes and their container are now being readied for presentation to the library.

Mr. Patterson reported that a letter has been written to Dr. Durham in Lexington expressing sympathy in the death of his sister, Miss Frances Durham, a long time member of the Oglethorpe County Library Board.

As new business Miss Austin requested approval by the Board for an application for state aid for construction of a building for the Royston Public Library. The City of Royston will appropriate \$10,000.00 and the Athens Regional Library will apply to the Appalachian Regional Commission on Royston's behalf for \$157,000.00 to be used to match the state money. Under state regulations, the application must be filed by the system headquarters. Mr. Weir and several others moved approval of the application. After discussion of what could happen in the event the federal money is not granted (the state money would not be available unless other local money were provided), the motion passed unanimously.

The problem of out-of-region fees was discussed. Several out-of-region borrowers have become delinquent in returning books and paying overdue or damage fees and it is difficult to communicate with them. The possibility of increasing the present fee of \$3.00 for a four-year out-of-region card was suggested. Mr. Patterson appointed Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Vandiver and Mr. Cofer to study this problem with Miss Austin and agree on a policy. They met later and recommended that the out-of-region fee be made \$3.00 for a one year registration effective January 1, 1979.

The Board was reminded of the Tenth District Hearings on the recommendations from the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services which will be held in Athens on November 17 at the Holiday Inn.

Mr. Patterson announced that he is resigning from the Clarke County Library Board to become a member of the Clarke County Board of Commissioners on January 1, 1979. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.



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Mr. Patterson, Chairman, called the meeting to order immediately following the adjournment of the Athens Regional Library Board at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 1979 at the Athens Regional Library. Present were Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Kellam, Mr. Milner, Mr. Weir, Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Mendenhall and Miss Hawkins.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

Mr. Patterson asked for a report on the problem of the moths, reported at the July meeting. Miss Austin reported that the inspectors from Boland Bonded Exterminators had advised her that the problem was fairly common throughout the city. The moths had been drawn into the air conditioning system through overly large mesh screens over the intake. Their advice was to watch carefully for a week or so following replacement of the screen. If no more moths were seen, they did not advise fogging. The screen was replaced; no more moths have been found; no plans have been made for further treatment.

She reported that the fountains have been repaired, but vandals have torn one of the switches off the masonry and it will have to be repaired before they operate again. The spray in the smaller pool sends the water outside the pool and needs adjustment. As soon as possible this will be remedied.

Mr. Patterson announced that he has resigned from the Library Board effective January 1, 1979 to become a member of the Clarke County Board of Commissioners. He feels that he can be of greater service to the library there if he is not a member of the library board. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that the Board go on record as expressing deep gratitude to him for his loyalty and excellent service and wished him well in his new responsibility. The motion passed by common consent.

Mr. Patterson reminded the Board that the terms of Mr. Milner, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Biles expire on January 1, 1979. His unexpired term ending January 1, 1983 will need to be filled. A list of suggested names for the appointments should be presented to the Commissioners before their November meeting so that the appointments can be made at that time. He appointed a committee consisting of Dr. Reines, Chairman, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, and Mr. Weir, to receive suggestions from the board, secure biographical information needed and get this information to him before November 1. He will transmit it to the Commissioners. A letter from Mrs. Biles asking that she not be recommended for reappointment because of her election as mayor of Winter-ville was read. She suggested four names to be considered to replace her. This information was turned over to the committee.

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Mr. Patterson and Miss Austin presented the question of Christmas bonuses for the staff and asked for the board's advice on continuing them. Mr. Milner, as an attorney, believes there is a question as to their legality. Mr. Johnson suggested that since the new salary scale has now been implemented it would be wiser not to grant them. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that the Board eliminate the practice of bonuses. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously. A shopping day for the regularly employed staff was approved.

The Director presented bids from four lawn maintenance services for the upkeep of the library grounds. Mrs. Neighbors moved that these be turned over to the Grounds Committee for a decision. The motion passed.

Mr. Cofer moved that the Grounds Committee contact the County Commission to ask that the islands in the parking lot be removed to provide additional parking spaces. There was discussion, during which it was clarified that the island with the moon pine tree and the book return should not be removed. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxanna Austin", is written above a horizontal line.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary